













# VERY LATEST NEWS.

**A FIRE IN THE REAR.**—Last night, Jas. Wells, Dan. Childers, Jas. Edwards and a companion, went to the house of Webb, Wheeler, on the "Pike," and a small domestic disturbance occurred. Wheeler confronted them at the gate, pistol in hand, which led to a shot. He then got a shot gun, and fired upon the retreating party; but as the shot were very small, little damage was done. The party "retired in good order" as the Northern papers would say.

**COUNTYFEITERS AND HOUSE THIEVES.**—We learn from the Arkansas Herald that a large and well organized band of counterfeiters, horse thieves, and cut-throats, in Polk county, was broken up last week through the agency of a military company stationed at Harrisburg. They were fired upon by the company, and a great many killed, and the rest captured and immediately hung. Not one out of thirty escaped—the entire gang—with the exception of two, who were out on a trailing expedition.

**A DEAD CHILD.**—The lifeless body of a newborn child was found in an alley near Grayson street on Monday night. Yesterday its mother, Amanda Smith, (a mulatto) was arrested, suspected of having caused its death by violence. She protests that the child came into the world without life.

**GOOD NEWS FROM FRANCE.**—William F. Ritchie, Esq., of the Richmond Enquirer, has just returned from Paris. He says the cause of the Southern Confederacy is looking up in France, and he does not entertain a doubt about our ultimate recognition.

**It is rumored that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mathews have separated on account of pecuniary troubles. It seems that Mr. Mathews took Madame's salary to pay his own debts.**

**Photographs of Gen. Beauregard and President Davis, by the dozen or hundred, at exceedingly low rates, at Sam. Schwing's Gallery, Main street, second door above Fifth.**

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**A GALLANT CHARGER.**—Gen. Cheatham, of Tennessee, has for his war-horse the famous racer "Allender," who has made his mile in 1:44.

**Capt. J. K. Lee, was desperately wounded in the first battle at Bull Run.**

**In giving place to the subjoined e. d. of Munn & Co., of this city, we think it proper to say that we have good reason to know that the firm in question is Northern in sentiment—as much so as any friend of Lincoln's Administration could wish.**

**A Card From Munn & Co.**

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 5, 1861.  
Editors Louisville Courier. On the 4th day of June last our attention was called to an article in the Nashville Gazette, of that date, reflecting very bitterly of our house for hanging out a flag at half mast on the occasion of the death of this worth. We immediately forwarded to a friend in Nashville complete denial and refutation of the charge, which he sent us was published immediately in the same paper. We regret that nearly two months afterwards, it was deemed proper to publish the same article in the Nashville Gazette, this morning. As you may not have seen the denial we furnished the Gazette, permit us to say through your paper to our friends and customers in the South, that there is not one word of truth in the article relating to us. The man who gave the reliable information to the Nashville Gazette about us, we think would rather lie than tell the truth.

Yours, respectfully,  
MUNN & CO.

**The Confederate States—Foreign Policy—The Blockade—Arist Body of Troops.**

"Jon," the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, writes:

The London Times has arrived at the conclusion that the war must terminate in Southern Independence. That independence may not, even if it exists de facto, terminate the war, is clear. The London Times will advocate recognition by England, at an early date. Advice received at Havana from Europe state that European governments will probably soon recognize the Confederates. But these advices are from mercantile sources, which are especially interested in peace.

The Government is undoubtedly making a great effort to concentrate at and near this point a vast body of troops, and a large quantity of ordnance and warlike material of all kinds. The Government is endeavoring to push the war into the interior of Virginia, and especially in the eastern part of the State.

The President has declined a compliance with a resolution of the House calling for information as to the condition of negotiations with foreign powers as to the recognition of the Confederate States, and the blockade—the proposed public being incompatible with the public interests. But it is known that negotiations on these subjects are pending, and the results will be communicated to Congress at the next session, if they do not manifest themselves before. Behind the question of recognition, there are other complications that will embarrass foreign powers. The interests of commerce and the disposition of European cabinets may be controlled by the military situation.

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## ELECTION RETURNS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE COURIER.]

Scott County.

GEORGETOWNS, Aug. 6, 1861.

Editors Louisville Courier. The official vote of Scott county gives 498 majority for Beck (Southern Rights) for the State Senate.

Field, Union, is elected to the Senate in the counties of Hardin, Menard and Bullitt.

Headly, Union, is elected to the Legislature by a majority of 300 majority.

HARDIN COUNTY.—Dr. Young, Union, is elected to the Legislature by a majority of 30 to 75 over Coffey, Southern Rights.

MEADE COUNTY.—Big Spring Precinct.—Legislative—Woodcock, (S. R.) 92; Owings, (U.) 47. Close race.

MERCER.—Gabbart (U.) elected by 400 majority.

OLITHAM COUNTY.—Official.—Senate—Whitman 610; Stout, 223.

ROBERTSON.—Jacob, 614; Duerson, 223.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.—Anderson (U.) elected by 400 majority.

HENRY COUNTY.—J. P. Sparks beats W. S. Pryor, S. R., 280.

WOODFORD COUNTY.—Senate.—Goodhue beats Porter, S. R., about 100. Ward, (U.) elected to the Legislature.

HARDIN COUNTY.—Official.—Senate.—R. H. Field (Union), 1,234; E. H. Hensbrough (Southern Rights), 1,080. Representatives—Dr. B. R. Young (Union), 1,241; M. H. Coffey (Southern Rights), 1,130. County Attorney—M. R. McCulloch (Union), 1,175; D. H. Hayden (Southern Rights), 950.

OWENSON.—10 o'clock.—Southern Rights majority 200.

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HAVESVILLE.—4 o'clock.—Southern Rights majority 80.

BARREN COUNTY.—Borrow (State Rights) beats R. H. Young (Union), by a majority. This county gave Grider, (U.) for Congress, 588 majority. She is the banner county of the State.

SCOTT COUNTY.—Beck, (S. R.) beats Robinson, (U.) 498 majority. (S. R.) is elected to the Legislature.

BULLITT COUNTY.—Official.—Senate.—Field, (U.) 792; Hensbrough, (S. R.) 628. Representatives.—Headly, (U.) 535; Carpenter, (S. R.) 412. Saunders elected County Clerk; Stringer, Jailer.

SPENCER COUNTY.

TAYLORSVILLE, Aug. 6, 1861.

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Wickliffe carried it last June by two hundred and thirty-five votes. The election has fallen before him. Had the election been one week later the Southern candidate would have been elected. This precinct gave Wickliffe fifty-four votes yesterday it gave Sloan (Southern Rights) fifty majority. Report has been made that Nelson—vote close. Keep the ball rolling. Kentucky will be all right in less than sixty days.

SPENCER.

[From the Memphis Appeal.]

**The Hot at Grand Junction**

The riot at Grand Junction, on Friday, was a serious affair, and might have been still more disastrous but for the firmness and bravery of the commander of the brigade, Col. John S. Ford. The riot was caused by a mob of about fifty men, who were informed, shot down some of the men that refused to submit to his authority. We learn that when at Holly Springs, the men, by some means, got access to a barrel of whisky. They knocked out the head, and drank immediately. The worst consequences followed. The men, who were traveling to Louisville, and were accompanied by a few vagabonds—even it is stated, going so far as to throw their bayonets at each other.

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There are many instances of the ability and skill of the Union soldiers, and the bravery of both these and the troops, accounts of some of which have been sent. We have heard of an able commander, and have seen a connected history, and to give the due amount of credit to each, without being invidious or doing injustice to others.

There is no doubt that the bravery and ability, coolness, and bravery of Gen. Beauregard. His plan of battle was admirable, either for making the attack, had he been successful, or for repelling the attack, which was expected by Sunday morning, or for repelling the attack of the enemy. His sagacity was shown in detecting the pretensions of the rebels, and in making the disposition of his forces accordingly. And his quick perception and bravery were exhibited in the critical hour of the battle, when he selected the best troops for the most trying service, and got them in the battle in time to achieve victory.

Gen. Johnston, too, proved himself a brave and able commander, and a brave soldier. His resistance of the weight of the Federal army, with not half its numbers, and his heroic conduct in seizing a stone bridge, disintegrated is expressed that we did not reap the advantages we might have reaped. Under such a thorough and able commander, the Federal army, it might have been driven from Virginia, and Alexandria, Arlington, and all their entrenchments, and the Union would have been victorious.

Great as the victory has been, its results would have been incalculable could we have pursued the flying and terror-stricken rebels, and have driven them to the sea. It is not done. Simply because a part of the army was engaged in actual battle, all had been on the march, and the combined forces of Beauregard and Johnston did not exceed thirty-five thousand men in the field. At least half of the men took shelter in the Potomac, and the other half, the officers of the army, by the Colonel, commenced firing on them, which resulted in the death of two upon the spot and the mortally wounding of three others. There were slightly wounded more dangerously wounded. There were fourteen killed and seriously wounded, and the disposition of European cabinets may be controlled by the military situation.

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## Reflections on the Great Battle—Almost a Defeat.

(For the Louisville Courier.)

Another Outing in Missouri.

HAMILTON, Mo., Aug. 3, 1861.

Editors Louisville Courier. Feeling the heavy and unrelenting pressure of a tyrant's iron rule, and believing the outrage upon the rights of man, and the degradation of the indigenous reserved for the "Armed Neutrality" of Kentucky, I am assured that I will sympathize with you, and our State in her efforts for civil liberty.

It is settled without question that, at one time during the day, the rebels were the victors. This was in the early part of the afternoon. Our lines extended five or six miles, parallel with the course of Bull Run and behind that stream, Gen. Beauregard had intrenched himself here, and had skillfully prepared this place as the battle field. Our army, consequently, occupied the position of a rear guard, and the rebels were to the right of the center of the line, and Gen. Johnston was on the extreme left. Bull Run is an easy fordable stream, except during heavy rains, but in front of the army, its banks, in most places, were steep. At the extreme left of our lines, this stream had a bend southward, which enclosed the forces there in a sort of semicircle, and was shallow and easily forded. The enemy first made his appearance in force on the right, in the person of Beauregard. He made demonstrations there, as if he had selected that as the battle ground.

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